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nucleotide sequence. The primer used for sequencing was -21M13. The underscored region correspond to the synthetic primer.

[Kindly amend the paragraph starting on page 12, line 9, as follows:]

C¹ Fig. 2 [SEQ ID NOS: 127-128] shows the nucleotide sequence of the human pituitary-derived G protein-coupled receptor protein cDNA fragment harbored in cDNA clone p19P2 isolated by PCR using human pituitary-derived cDNA and the amino acid encoded thereby. The primer used for sequencing was M13RV-N (Takara). The underscored region correspond to the synthetic primer.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting on page 12, line 26, as follows:

C² Fig. 5 [SEQ ID NOS: 129-130] is a diagram comparing the partial amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by the human pituitary-derived G protein-coupled receptor protein cDNA fragment harbored in p19P3 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 with the known G protein-coupled receptor protein S12863. The shadowed region represents the region of agreement. The 1 to 9 amino acid sequence of p19P2 corresponds to the 1 to 99 amino acid sequence of Fig. 1 and the 156 to 230 amino acid sequence corresponds to the 1 to 68 amino acid sequence of Fig. 2.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting on page 20, line 33, as follows:

C³ Fig. 33 [SEQ ID NOS: 131-133] shows the amino acid sequence of bovine ligand polypeptide and the nucleotide sequences of DNAs coding for bovine polypeptide and rat polypeptide. The arrowmark indicates the region corresponding to the synthetic primer.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting on page 21, line 2, as follows: